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Teen charged with rape on Devon

Police arrested a high school student for an alleged sexual assault that occurred on Devon Lane.

Weylin Holmes, 18, of Harrisonburg High School has been charged with two felony counts of forcible sodomy, one felony count of rape and one felony count of abduction.

The victim was assaulted Feb. 2 on the 1200 block of Devon Lane, according to Lt. Chris Rush of the Harrisonburg police.

Holmes and the victim were acquaintances at school, but had no previous relationship. A school resource officer from Harrisonburg High School reported the incident to the police on Feb. 4.

The case is still under investigation, according to Rush. A preliminary hearing for the case is scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone with additional information on the case or suspect is encouraged to contact the police department. Callers can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050, or text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

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TOP A fire in Pheasant Run yesterday set nearby bushes ablaze. **LEFT** A firefighter peels off a piece of melted siding on a townhouse. **RIGHT** Firefighters douse a stretch of charred shrubs that spanned more than 50 feet. The fire was mainly contained in the backyard of the townhomes.

By **ELIZABETH DSURNEY**
The Breeze

Flames ignited behind a block of Pheasant Run townhomes yesterday afternoon that, despite no injuries, damaged several buildings and startled residents.

"I'm smelling [the fire] over in The Mill," Allie Carter wrote on Facebook yesterday.

The fire originated from bushes separating the Stratford Drive and Pheasant Run Circle blocks. Harrisonburg Fire Department responded to the call. The first call to the fire department was received from a

resident at 1:12 p.m., saying there was a fire in the bushes behind the home numbers 1740 to 1748.

According to Larry Shifflett, Harrisonburg's Fire Chief, it's too soon to tell what caused the fire.

Further investigation into the cause of the fire is still in progress. Pheasant Run Townhomes owner, Kim Young, declined to comment.

Junior Melissa Mowery, a resident of 461 Pheasant Run Circle, was napping when her dog started barking to alert her to the fire behind her house.

"I woke up and it sounded like wind was crackling against my window," Mowery said. "As I got closer, I saw a huge fire and felt the heat through my screen."

She quickly shut her window, yelled for her roommates, and called 911. Mowery said that she wasn't the first person to call, and that the fire had been going on for three or four minutes before she called.

"The fire was moving very fast and the grass around the bushes started to catch on fire," she said. "It was really quite scary and

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Six former JMU cheerleaders now on the Ravens' sidelines

By **WAYNE EPPS JR.**
The Breeze

Some cheer from the couch, some cheer from the bar and others cheer from the stands. Six JMU alumni got to cheer from the sidelines this season for Super Bowl champions the Baltimore Ravens.

Cheerleaders Courtney D. and Rachel J., plus stunt team members Chris Traczyk, Paul Vutiprichar and Sean Sommers took their talents from Harrisonburg to Baltimore to cheer for the Ravens. All are former JMU cheerleaders and participated in the Ravens' journey to the Super Bowl. Once on the team, the women can't reveal their last names for safety reasons.

Traczyk, a 1998 graduate who has been with the Ravens for seven years, was the first of the group to join the squad after taking some time off from cheerleading after his graduation. This gave the others a connection that made joining the squad a little easier. The Ravens are the only team in the NFL with a co-ed squad. Team members not only cheer at games; they also volunteer with Baltimore-area children and travel overseas to perform for the troops.

"I was real excited when I moved to Baltimore that they had a co-ed stunt team," Traczyk said.

The Ravens cheer and stunt squads got to witness firsthand the excitement in Baltimore as playoff time approached in December and January.

"Once we got into the swing of, 'We're going to the playoffs, we're going to excel in the playoffs,' the city

"Even the 49ers fans were saying, 'You guys are such an amazing team, it looks really good.'"

Chris Traczyk
stunt team member for the Ravens

lit up," said Courtney, a 2009 graduate. "I've never seen so many people come out to support the team before. It's absolutely incredible to be a part of."

The team only cheers for home games, so they were present only for the Raven's win against the Indianapolis Colts on Jan. 6 before the Super Bowl. Once the Ravens clinched a spot in the Super Bowl, the squad stayed active in the two weeks leading up to the game. Members continued their weekly "Purple Friday" tradition of traveling in Baltimore and the surrounding cities to build up more excitement and support for the team.

"I don't think any of us slept in that whole two weeks — the entire squad," Traczyk said.

During Super Bowl week, the team bused down to New Orleans and arrived on Thursday. There, members made various appearances while also practicing each day leading up to the game. The grandeur of the Super Dome in New Orleans was almost overwhelming.

"We're in the locker room and we

walk out onto the field, and you kind of walk out the tunnel, and there's this huge burst of light," Traczyk said. "And I look straight up and I think every hair on my neck and the back of my arms just stood up and I just got this goose bump, of just, 'Oh my gosh.'"

This emotion spilled over during the game as well.

"I know I ended up breaking formation a lot and kind of jumping around," Vutiprichar said. "It's an unreal experience."

The game's 34-minute blackout also offered a chance for the squad to show off. The 49ers' cheerleaders didn't perform because their music couldn't be played during the blackout, so the Ravens' team got a solo stage to perform.

"We could do basket tosses, we could do individual stunting, we could do gymnastics out on the field," Traczyk said. "And we caught a lot of attention. Even the 49ers fans were saying, 'You guys are such an amazing team, it looks really good.'"

When the Ravens hung on to win the game, there was a state of euphoria in the stadium.

"It was almost like a dream," Traczyk said. "The cannon started shooting off confetti, the streamers coming down from the ceiling ... I don't think there was a dry eye on the team."

But professional cheerleading isn't all smiles, cheers and stunts. The Super Bowl win marked the end of another strenuous season. All prospective cheerleaders or stunt team members

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COURTESY OF PAUL VUTIPRICHAR

Sean Sommers (bottom right) holds up Courtney D. in celebration of the Ravens' Super Bowl win on Feb. 3. Both, along with Paul Vutiprichar (bottom left), are alumni.



Today
partly cloudy
47°/36°



Monday
AM showers/wind
61°/34°



Tuesday
mostly sunny
50°/35°



Wednesday
few showers
38°/29°

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IF YOU WERE BORN TODAY:

You're creative now, and your communication skills are sharp. This will keep you busy for the rest of the year. In stressful times, remember mind over matter. You could be unstoppable with the right perspective. Health is going to be of the utmost importance as you leap into Spring. Don't forget to take care of yourself!



AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Restate your

intentions, and

stand up for what's right. Work interrupts your research. You're gaining respect.



PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)

Go with your gut

and throw caution to the wind. Your special someone is really one in a million. The time is now to dote on them.



ARIES

(March 21-April 19)

There's more going

on than meets the eye, and there's no time for idle chatter. Blast by arguments with focus.



TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)

There's some

instability at work. You get the necessary data. Check it through twice, and read between the lines.



GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)

Express your vision

with optimism. Others bring amazing ideas; let them take leadership. Spend less money partying.



CANCER

(June 21-July 22)

A lofty scheme

may encounter difficulties when you and a partner disagree. Fix something before it breaks.



LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Listen carefully

to someone who doesn't make sense initially. Choose love over money, and resist the temptation to splurge.



VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Imagine how the

next project gets moving. Some ideas are too expensive, so be creative. Smooth rough edges before proceeding.



LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Dress for public

action. Get the agreement down in writing, and provide what was requested. Cut superfluous costs.



SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Humility is a quality

worth practicing. It's easy to push ideas forward now, but there's no need to rush. Thank others for their input.



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Put off travel

and avoid an interrogation; take risks later. Let your partner carry the load for a bit, but stay active.



CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Accept a sweet

deal. Go ahead and get yourself a little treat. Increase your personal space by decreasing stuff.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Tip, as one's hat
- Empty spaces
- Subsides
- Suffix with switch
- Wilson of "Wedding Crashers"
- Texas shrine
- Tall tale teller
- "Deck the Halls" syllables
- Tear to shreds
- Residential loan
- About to happen
- Bronze from a day at the beach
- René's friend
- Appear to be
- ___ Lingus: Irish carrier
- Russian fighter jets
- "I'd like to hear the rest"
- Italian violin maker
- Squeak stopper
- Rigs on the road
- 1974 Jimmy Buffett song
- Reasons for extra innings
- "Tastes great!"
- Poet's inspiration
- Sow or cow
- What social climbers seek
- Curtail
- Office communication, and what can literally be found in 20-, 35- and 42-Across
- Gangster John known as "The Teflon Don"
- Twice-monthly tide
- Paths of pop-ups
- Place on a pedestal
- Show some spunk
- "That makes sense"
- Sauter
- Vehicle on runners
- Proof of ownership

DOWN

- New ___: India's capital
- Hunter constellation
- Heads on beers
- Hint of the future
- "Take a shot!"
- Informed (of)
- Attack, as with snowballs
- Stocking tear
- Military practice
- Visitor from afar
- Treat jet lag, perhaps
- Earthbound Aussie bird
- Dip, as bread in gravy
- Dad's partner
- "Lemme ___!"
- Vocalist Judd
- Really strange
- Bride's purchase
- Base runner's option
- Scat legend Fitzgerald
- Flagship store at New York City's Herald Square
- Words from one with a bad hand

Thursday's puzzle solved

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- Letter after beta
- Long, long time
- Parking ticket issuer
- Resistance to disease
- Expel
- Like a slingshot handle
- Christmas, e.g.: Abbr.
- Proof of ownership
- Simple trap
- Far from talkative
- Intro giver
- Snooped (around)
- Pulls the plug on
- More than lifelike
- Precious stone
- Big name in kitchen gadgets
- Profs' helpers

NATION & WORLD

Winter storm Nemo ravages the Northeast

Los Angeles Times

BELMONT, Mass. — Communities across the East Coast hunkered down as a potentially historic snowstorm swept through the region, grounding flights, knocking out power and forcing many to stay inside and wait.

By evening, around half a foot of snow had fallen in areas of Boston, although meteorologists were still predicting 2 feet or more. Strong wind gusts up to 70 mph swept through New England, knocking out power for thousands, and making life miserable for dozens of local TV reporters stuck in the thick of it.

The storm stretched down the eastern corridor to New York City, which experienced less snow, although lightning and heavy winds were reported off the coast of Long Island.

It was a novelty for a region usually known for its wicked weather, but that hasn't seen a significant snowstorm in

two years. Meteorologists were already predicting that this storm could be one for the history books.

"If you head to Boston, that's where ground zero is, it will rank up there with some more historic storms, including Blizzard of '78," said Thomas Downs, a meteorologist with consulting firm Weather 2000.

That blizzard killed nearly 100 people and shut down the city of Boston, surprising commuters who got stranded along highways and, in some cases, abandoned their cars.

To avoid a similar situation, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency, shutting down public transit and banning all cars from the roads after 4 p.m. Those who break the ban could face penalties of hefty fines and jail time, Patrick said. No similar driving ban has been enacted in the state since 1978.

States of emergency were also declared in New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

"You've heard of 'Finding Nemo.' It seems like Nemo has found us," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Emergency officials were especially concerned about

the potential for floods along the coast of New England, which is expecting a particularly ferocious high tide Saturday morning. They began evacuating communities in two Massachusetts coastal towns, Scituate and Marshfield, Friday night.

An estimated 4,300 flights were canceled in and out of airports in New York and Boston, and Amtrak canceled trains between Boston and New York.

Boston is expected to bear the brunt of the storm, with some communities expecting 2 feet or more.

"Three feet of snow in this period of time is a profoundly different kind of storm than we have dealt with," Patrick said in a news conference.

With transportation shut down and people forbidden from driving, the streets were eerily quiet in Boston. As night fell, streets were dark, aside from squares of light shining in individual houses. The noise of traffic was nearly absent, except for the whir of snowplows.

The last storm of this magnitude in Boston was in January 2011, when the region received 14 inches. Record snowfall in Boston was 27.6 inches, set in 2003.

Monk sentenced for inciting self-immolation

McClatchy Newspapers

BEIJING — A Chinese court on Friday sentenced a man to 13 years in prison for inciting an ethnic Tibetan monk to set himself on fire, the latest punishment meted out in a crackdown as Chinese authorities try to stop a string of self-immolation protests that has reached almost 100 incidents.

The monk in China's western Qinghai Province did not actually carry out the self-immolation in November, according to the state Xinhua news wire. But the court found the man, a 27-year-old ethnic Tibetan named Phagpa, guilty of "intentional homicide" for trying to get the monk to do so. Phagpa — many Tibetans have only one name — was also judged guilty of "inciting secession" for "efforts to spread ideas related to 'Tibetan independence.'"

The same court on Friday also sentenced a man

identified as a 60-year-old Tibetan herdsman named Gyadehor to four years in prison for inciting secession. Gyadehor had "spread opinions" about Tibetan independence when he brought cash and goods to console families of those who had self-immolated, Xinhua said.

The court found that his actions "constituted the crime of inciting a split of the state," according to Xinhua.

Chinese authorities have failed so far to halt the fiery protests, which Beijing claims are the result of a conspiracy hatched by the "Dalai Lama clique," a reference to the Tibetan spiritual leader who fled to India after a failed uprising in 1959. Ethnic Tibetans in areas where the self-immolations have occurred, however, blame an oppressive atmosphere that they said has been created by a government campaign against their language, culture and religion.

The Washington-based International Campaign for Tibet, an advocacy group that tracks the incidents, puts the tally of self-immolations at 98 since March 2011, and 99 since one in February 2009. More than 80 are said to have died.

Curiosity drills Martian rock for first time

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — For the first time, a robot has drilled into a rock on Mars and collected a sample, and scientists are patting themselves on the back. The likelihood of high-fives also is extremely high.

The Curiosity rover has extended its robotic arm and used the drill carried there to bore a hole 0.63 inches wide and 2.5 inches deep into John Klein, and the Martian rock was dubbed. Within that hole, scientists believe, is evidence of the wet environments that existed on Mars eons ago.

But the successful use of the drill alone has scientists in a

tizzy. This means that Curiosity is "a fully operating analytical laboratory on Mars," said John Grunsfeld, with NASA's Science Mission Directorate, in a news release.

"This is the biggest milestone accomplishment for the Curiosity team since the sky-crane landing last August," he said.

Twitter geeks were applauding: "Holey Mars exploration Batman!" tweeted Sustainable2.

Mission project manager Richard Cook said in January that the drilling was the most significant engineering that the team has done since landing.

As the *Los Angeles Times'* Amina Khan reported, Cook said the terrain was a big unknown and, thus, a big challenge. The area Curiosity rolled into is known as Yellowknife Bay, a place very different from the landing site at Gale Crater.

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Town Halls are scheduled for:

Thursday, February 7, 2-3PM
Grafton-Stovall

Monday, February 11, 10-11AM,
Festival - Highlands Room

Your contributions can be made via silent ballots
(which will be collected at the door)
or you can speak during the open forum.

Your participation is enthusiastically
welcomed and strongly encouraged!



HARRISONBURG: SAFEST CITY?

FILE PHOTO / THE BREEZE

CQ Press ranked Harrisonburg as one of the safest cities in the country. The ratings were based on the percentage difference between the local crime rate and the national crime rate.

New list ranks Harrisonburg as ninth safest city in America; students and local opinions split

By IJ CHAN
The Breeze

After Harrisonburg was named one of the nation's safest cities, JMU students and locals have divided opinions on the new rating.

In a ranking published by CQ Press, Harrisonburg ranked ninth out of more than 400 cities located across the nation as having the lowest crime rate for a metropolitan area, or an area with at least 50,000 inhabitants.

The ratings were determined by the violent crime ratings in each Metropolitan Area. The area surveyed included the city of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

Crimes considered for the ratings were rape, murder, robbery and aggravated assault. Property crimes of burglary, larceny, theft, grand theft auto and arson were also included.

Katie Andleton, a senior health sciences major, is surprised at Harrisonburg's high rating.

Andleton said that last month, she and her housemates had a wake-up call when a man allegedly posing as an undercover

officer attempted to locate their house.

Andleton said they were out of the house at the time, but neighbors and friends alerted them of the situation.

"He asked a few girls where it was," Andleton said. "We never come in contact with him. We had a couple guys check our house before we went in just in case."

Charles E. Whitney, 44, of Harrisonburg, was arrested on Jan. 17 and charged with one misdemeanor count of impersonating a police officer and five counts of breaking in and entering with intent to commit larceny.

According to annual crime reports released by the police, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and burglary saw significant increases from 2010 to 2011. Motor vehicle theft only increased from 36 to 37 incidents.

Frank Gunteski, a graduate kinesiology student, said Harrisonburg feels less safe compared his hometown of Brick, N.J., which he said held the title of the safest city in 2007.

"In my hometown, you never heard about shootings or stabbings. At JMU there's always something going on," Gunteski said.

"I still think it's safe, but but not top-of-the-country safe. Those timely notices — you get one of those emails at least every other week."

Gunteski said he feels safer now than he did when he first came to Harrisonburg in 2008. He said he was more cautious when he lived in the Port Republic area.

Gunteski now lives downtown, where he feels safer. He added that the increased police presence is comforting.

"The cops have really cracked down," he said. "I was here for the Springfest riots. They took it more seriously, making sure that students that stay in line."

Arson and larceny saw significant decreases and homicide stayed the same from 2010-2011.

Harrisonburg resident Stephanie Ludlum said she grew up in the area and also said she feels safe living in Harrisonburg since she rarely hears of violent crime occurring.

"I kind of know there's not a lot of crime — it's very rare to read of a murder in the paper," Ludlum said.

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Safest cities in America

Rank	City/State
1	Logan, Utah
2	Provo-Orem, Utah
3	Appleton, Wis.
4	Sheboygan, Wis.
5	State College, Pa.
6	Oshkosh-Neenah, Wis.
7	Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y.
8	Edison, N.J.
9	Harrisonburg, Va.
10	Green Bay, Wis.
11	Eau Claire, Wis.
12	Rockingham County, N.H.
13	Lebanon, Pa.
14	Elmira, N.Y.
15	Lake Co.-Kenosha Co., Ill.-Wis.
16	Elizabethtown, Ky.
17	Wausau, Wis.
18	Kingston, N.Y.
19	Dubuque, Iowa
20	Bethesda-Frederick, Md.

*Courtesy of 2012 Metropolitan Crime Rate Rankings, CQ Press

ALEXA JOHNSON / THE BREEZE

90
years of history

Every Monday, *The Breeze* features top stories from previous issues to celebrate its 90th anniversary this year. Today's feature is from an article from the Nov. 22, 1974 issue.

Standing behind those who serve

A majority of students at Madison approve the establishment of a ROTC program, if a *Breeze* survey is representative of student opinion. A *Breeze* reporter solicited comments Wednesday morning.

The Faculty Senate will have voted Thursday afternoon on the ROTC Issue. However, final approval rests with the College Council and President Carrier.

Student comments are as follows: "I'm for it because it's a good deal. I'd join myself but I'm a senior. They're paying for most of your education and giving you money every month, plus you have a guaranteed job when you graduate." - Dan Cox

"I'm against it. It's out of place in school. It takes time away from other types of things someone should be learning. The only good reason is that it helps some people pay for their tuition. I think the Army should pay your tuition after you've served. If a person is having financial difficulties he should join the army and then go to school instead of going to school and doing ROTC on the side." - John Manz

"I don't care to associate with the program because anyone who participates in the program seems alienated from the rest of the student body. My brother goes to Virginia Tech and says they all hang around together. They are disassociated from the rest of the student body." - Walt Wagner

"I'm in favor of establishing an ROTC program at Madison. It would add to the school academically, and would keep up the standard of quality education. An ROTC program would be a positive step in that direction because of the type of students it would attract." - Kay Woody

Less sleep, more consequences

Study shows link between disease and exhaustion; JMU students, faculty suffer from sleep deprivation

By MEGAN DIMAILO
contributing writer

Academics, sleep and a social life; it's said that when you go to college, you pick two of the three. Generally, sleep is the one left out.

According to the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, only 30 percent of college students are sleeping at least eight hours a night. The majority of college students aren't getting the sleep they need, which leads to poor academic performance and health issues.

Jeff Dyche, a psychology professor, said there have been many studies that correlate students' GPAs and how much they sleep.

"Those that sleep the most have higher GPAs, and those that have lower GPAs sleep the least," Dyche said. "We are a very sleep-deprived culture."

The reason behind this phenomenon, Dyche explained, is students who don't get enough sleep don't have enough rapid eye movement sleep. REM is part of deep sleep, which occurs later in the nightly cycle. If a person is sleeping for eight hours, REM sleep lasts two or three hours.

According to Dyche, there have been studies that equate REM sleep



LAUREN GORDON / THE BREEZE

There's a direct link between a student's GPA and the amount of sleep they get, according to psychology professor Jeff Dyche.

to the ability to recall information and understand it. This is a major reason why getting the eight hours of sleep is so important, especially for college students.

"REM may be needed to help us sort out or rehearse things we learned

the previous day, which is what we do in college every day," Dyche said. "If you are not getting your REM sleep, you're not letting your brain consolidate that information and, in theory, you're not going to learn that information as well."

Liz Howley, assistant director of the University Health Center Student Wellness and Outreach, said that sleep affects students physically, emotionally and mentally.

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SGA lobbies for fellow students

Club members travel to Richmond to push for bills that would make saving for college easier

By JEN EYRING
The Breeze

On Friday, 17 students traveled to the General Assembly in Richmond to lobby for bills and ideas that affect the JMU student body.

SGA's legislative action committee chose three bills that supported the main concerns of JMU students. Adam Miner, a freshman member of the committee who went to Richmond, believes the most important of these concerns is making sure JMU students are being hired.

One of the bills SGA chose to lobby for would enable a tax credit for businesses that hire students from Virginia public universities. The bill was denied in between the House and Senate voting, so instead of lobbying for the specific bill,

Miner said they argued for the idea behind it.

"We didn't really care about the fine details as much as that fact that they were doing something to give businesses an incentive to hire us," Miner said.

The next bill they were lobbying for would allow anyone who is paying income tax to immediately put that money into an account to save money for college. This bill has already passed in the House and is expected to pass in the Senate.

This bill would make it easier for students and their parents to save money for college over the course of several years.

The third bill relates to the mental health of students and would establish a line of communication between the university and

health-related facilities. It states that if a student is voluntarily admitted into the hospital, they can choose whether or not to have their medical records sent to the school, so the school can get them help. But if the students are non-voluntarily taken to the hospital, their records will automatically be sent to the school so the student can receive the help they need.

SGA chose to lobby for these bills because they apply to all Virginia students. The other two are currently being voted on.

The students were broken up into four different groups, each with appointments to meet with different senators and delegates.

J.P. Riley, a freshman SGA member, said the senate members were impressed that the students came

with specific bills in mind.

"We came with ideas that supported not just JMU, but all Virginia schools," Riley said.

Miner said many of the assembly members were stoic, so it was hard to tell whether or not they had changed their minds in regards to the bills; however, he believes they were taking the student's opinions seriously.

"We were checking Twitter throughout the day and one of the senators tweeted, 'A group of JMU students came in — much more convincing than the typical,'" Miner said.

Miner said because they were talking about specific bills, everyone going had to do research before lobbying, so they would know the specific details of the bills.

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FIRE

Cigarette the cause?

from front

a lot of excitement for a Sunday.”

Another resident hadn’t known there was a fire until the firemen showed up at her front door.

“Someone started banging on my door and told me to come outside,” said Briana Biggs, a junior education major.

The wind was blowing toward the four townhomes, which melted the siding of the houses, including Biggs’.

The residents of 1752 think the fire may have been caused by a cigarette.

Earlier this year, the four residents of 1752 received an email asking them to pick up the cigarette butts outside their house, though none of them smoke personally.

“They told us that even if they weren’t ours, we had to pick them up,” said Kelsey Olenych, sophomore business management major. “They make it a point to email us and check around our houses to make sure everything is clean.”

Olenych’s roommate, Natasha Miner, said the first thing that alerted her to the fire in her neighbor’s backyard was the sound of sirens.

“We looked out front first, but then noticed the flames in our backyard,” said Miner, a sophomore communications studies major.

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SLEEP

Students who sleep less more likely to miss class

from page 3

“Being tired — college students have adapted to that and that is just the way we operate,” Howley said. “It is our perceived norm, and it is not how we function efficiently.”

Many students recognize they don’t sleep enough.

“I know I don’t get enough sleep,” said Hollis Setzer, a sophomore social work major. “I stay awake at night to get homework done in addition to gym time, and I wake up at 8 every morning for classes.”

Steven Griffoul, a sophomore management major, also feels the impacts less sleep.

“When I do not get enough sleep, it’s hard to concentrate and I start to zone out,” Griffoul said.

Howley said there are some tell-all signs that students are not sleeping enough.

“From a faculty perspective when we’re in class and students are sleeping during lecture, that is a pretty big sign,” Howley said. “Students turning work in that seems last minute or rushed or getting emails sent at one or two in the morning.”

The Journal of Adolescent Health found that 12 percent of students with poor sleep cycles miss class three or four times a month and sometimes fall asleep in class.

Setzer is one of the students who sees sleep impacting her schoolwork.

“My academics suffer when I do not do my school work,” Setzer said. “But my body shuts down in class when I don’t get enough sleep.”

While many students try to stay awake during the day with coffee and caffeine, Dyche suggests naps as a way to combat mid-day tiredness.

“Don’t have caffeine much past early afternoon, especially after dinner,” Dyche said. “This can impact the ability to go to sleep at night.”

Kyle Folbrecht, a junior finance major, said he tries overcoming exhaustion with naps, but still relies on the caffeine pick-me-up.

“I have a really hard time getting out of bed in the morning I set my alarm for 8:30 a.m. for my 9:30 class and I get out of bed five minutes before the bus comes,” Folbrecht said. “So sometimes I have to get coffee from the vending machines.”

Carter Black, freshman political science major, said

consistency is a huge problem when it comes to college and sleep, especially when there are exams to study for.

“Sometimes, I get plenty of sleep but then other nights, I’ll have a test to study for and I’ll be up super late,” Black said. “The cycle of inconsistency messes me up a lot.”

Most people get tired around two or three o’clock.

“It is called ‘mid-afternoon dip’ and the best thing is to take a nap,” Dyche said.

Howley said there are techniques and tricks to getting enough sleep.

“What helps some people is to set a routine and stick to that routine realistically,” Howley said. “Not using your bed for things other than sleeping, resting or relaxing because then you start associating your bed with a place

to do work.”

What many students don’t realize is the impact their poor sleeping habits have on their long-term health.

Dyche explained that when you don’t sleep enough, the body starts to produce a chemical called cortisol.

“Chronic cortisol can scavenge the proteins that help fight off colds,” Dyche said.

Bad habits now could also lead to diseases such as obesity.

“Sleep can promote hormone called leptin, which suppresses appetite,” Dyche said. “When you do not get enough sleep, the hormone is not there.”

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CRIME

Rates low for city

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“I just don’t see a lot of people or things that would give me extreme cause for caution.”

Darcy Wine, another local resident, said although he feels relatively safe in the area, the atmosphere has definitely changed since his childhood.

Wine doesn’t currently live in Harrisonburg but said he’s familiar with it since he’s stayed here for 37 years.

“You used to be able to get out of the car and leave your car door open and not worry about anything going missing,” Wine said. “It’s not like it was when I was a kid.”

Sgt. William Keller of the Harrisonburg police said he believes

that Harrisonburg deserves the high rating.

Although Keller couldn’t say whether crime in Harrisonburg has increased or decreased from the previous years, Keller said the crime rate is still relatively low given the 50,000 people who live in the city.

Keller said that the religious and conservative background of the residents keeps the crime rate low.

“The people are open and welcoming, and of course the police departments and other jurisdictions are doing their best to keep it that way,” Keller said. “It’s an excellent city. I wouldn’t be out here if it wasn’t.”

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BILLS

Made more personal

from page 3

Miner explained that the meeting with the senators and delegates began as speeches from the students, but quickly turned into a conversation.

“They offered their suggestions about their opinion on the best way to deal with the situations we had,” Miner said.

Riley and Miner both admitted to being initially intimidated by talking with senators and delegates but said they relaxed down when they realized how low-key and conversational the atmosphere was.

Riley believes having

multiple students in each group helped them bounce ideas off of each other.

“Especially because of the diversity of all the students who went, we were able to offer different perspectives,” Riley said.

This diversity was increased this year because SGA also took along a student who isn’t in the organization.

“We don’t want to make it look like it’s just SGA,” said Matt Klein, SGA president. “We also want regular students. We are here representing the students all the time but we thought it was important to have that outside voice.”

Miner explained that their presence at the General Assembly was important because the delegates and senators don’t usually get to see the faces of the people who these bills would affect. He believes this helps make it more personal for the assembly members, especially because most of them have children.

“It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” Riley said. “Not a lot of kids get to talk to people who affect our daily lives.”

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Body image issues are at an all-time high, and they affect people across all cultures and communities. How could they not? The average person sees 3,000 ads per day, the diet industry makes \$30 billion a year, and girls as young as 4 are developing eating disorders (a disease affecting 1 in 5 women).

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Pave 15th-century England, put up a parking lot

The remains of King Richard III prove we've lost respect for history in favor of constantly moving forward

It can be so hard to find a parking spot these days, even if you're a king.

Last Monday, poor King Richard III lost the parking spot he'd been occupying for five centuries. Of course, he'd been dead for all of them, but you know how some people get about their parking spots.

Feb. 4 marked the culmination of a long search that started in August 2012 for the remains of Richard III, the last English king to die in battle. He was buried in the Church of the Grey Friars, but when their convent was dissolved it all but vanished from our knowledge. When the University of Leicester started the Greyfriars Project in 2012, it didn't expect to make such an incredible find.

In fact, as the name suggests, the project's main goal was to find the remains of the lost friary. Then they struck gold in, of all places, Leicester City Council Social Services staff parking lot.

With archeologists and historians buzzing about this find which the University of Leicester is calling "one of the most extraordinarily serendipitous archaeological projects of modern times" you have to wonder: Why did they have to dig it up in the first place when they could have preserved and studied

the site? How do we live in a world where someone could build a parking lot over the remains of one of the most well-known English kings?

In fairness to developers, any town that's been around for a while has a lot of history. Go to any old city and you're probably walking on ancient history. In fact, building development often turns up old archeological remains, and that's where the problem comes in.

Archeologists and historians want to study the remains and make sure everything is carefully preserved, and developers want to everyone to clear off their land so they can get back to building. A lot of them view archeology as an expensive, unwelcome surprise impeding their work and their profit. These two schools of thought, naturally, tend to clash a little.

It all comes down to an essential choice between progress and preservation: how much are we willing to hold up the production of something new versus how much irreplaceable history we're willing to destroy.

Most people would balk at the thought of destroying a historical site, but when they're told there's going to be a Starbucks and extra parking where some old church used to be, the lure of convenience is an awfully strong one.

If JMU planned to build a new parking lot so you wouldn't have to park a million miles away from your class, would you really be

The king's bones

A skeleton found beneath a Leicester car park has been confirmed as that of English King Richard III.

Twisted bones

Richard III had scoliosis rather than a hunchback, which caused one shoulder to be higher than the other



Battle wounds

- Skeleton had suffered 10 injuries
- Two skull wounds were potentially fatal
- Other wounds included slashes, stabs to the face

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The king

- Reigned for 26 months; one of the shortest reigns in English history
- Last English king to die in battle; killed by forces of the future Henry VII in 1485
- Given a low-key burial beneath the church of Greyfriars

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inclined to insist it check over a bunch of old maps and building plans to make sure there's nothing important there?

Progress is important, but so is history. Who knows how many other valuable finds like this have been lost to history and may never be recovered, simply because

they've been paved over with asphalt and forgotten? Before we continue building up and charging forward, we need to think about what we've left behind.

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KELSEY WADSWORTH | *The Breeze*

Education gets an 'F' when it comes to quality

Teaching styles should be changed in order to accommodate a new and creative generation of students

On Jan. 30, Bill Gates singled out education as the issue that will determine America's future — but will that future be bright with our standards of education?

In an article titled "Bill Gates: Education Is The One Issue That's Key To America's Future," Gates explains that America is falling behind in math and science because we aren't providing "quality" educational opportunities.

"We're not able to train people for the jobs," Gates told MSNBC in an interview. "You're going to hit a limit that, no matter how good the economy is, you're not providing the opportunity."

He's right. In a 2012 conference on education reform at Stanford University, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice noted, "40 percent of African American and Latino students don't graduate high school on time," which is directly related to the fact that "only 22 percent of students graduated high school ready for college." Joel

L. Klein, former head of New York City Public schools, added that the U.S. "will not be able to keep pace—much less lead—globally unless it moves to fix the problems it has allowed to fester for too long."

How is the current education system succeeding, if the majority of high school students aren't ready for the real world? Why aren't we willing to change old policies? These are scary statistics that point to a biased and restrictive curriculum that prevents teachers from doing their jobs.

I think the reason we are falling behind in these areas is that teachers don't know how to teach in these fields anymore. In my experience, professors have droned on and on about statistical analysis and Newton's laws of motion but never explained why they're relevant or worth learning about. They teach students that there are right and wrong answers and that in order to succeed you must

be right. So students who aren't invested in these subjects and who are afraid of being wrong just shut off their brains as a defense mechanism.

Sir Ken Robinson, an expert on innovation and human resources, presented his thoughts on the matter in a 2006 TED Talk.

"I don't mean to say that being wrong is the same thing as being creative. What we do know is, if you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything original. If you're not prepared to be wrong, And by the time they get to be adults, most kids have lost that capacity. They have become frightened of being wrong."

Our education system is based off the industrial age model that acts like a factory. We are defined by our age and are forced to learn a standardized curriculum. But haven't we learned that the brain doesn't function that way? We all develop at different times and learn certain concepts better than others and in various ways.

We are falling behind because we are stifling our future's ability to think. In order to change these low statistics we need to overhaul the system. Encourage students to think outside of the box and that there's no shame in being wrong. Eliminate or at the least, change standardized testing.

We need to cultivate creativity rather than diminish it, through redefining what is it to think by going back to the days of Socrates' method of teaching. We need to make our education system a priority rather than the first program where funding gets cut.

Education will define America's future. Fixing our economy and other domestic issues will mean nothing if we don't prepare the young minds who will be in charge of those issues in the future.

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WES JONES | just sayin'

Colleges put on a show

An important part of being a JMU student is knowing your "aha" moment — the moment you realized JMU was the school for you.

I was a junior in high school and came for a tour during spring break in April. We stopped to eat at D-Hall for lunch where I found out there was not one but three buffets and four other dining halls. Since then, I've eaten like a king and I've never stopped to think about if I really need so many options for food.

The National Bureau of Economic Research recently released a study that concluded an increase in the number college-bound students "may not compel investment in academic quality, but rather in consumption amenities."

This means that academics are taking a back seat when it comes to school spending. Northern Illinois University opened a new \$80 million residence hall last year that costs students \$6,500 per semester simply for room and board, according to the *Southtown Star*. The increase in spending by both parties illustrates an important issue. What should prospective students prioritize when choosing a college, and what should colleges focus spending on when trying to attract those students?

Academics should always be the most critical consideration when choosing a school. Colleges use the guise of giving students a "well-rounded education" to spend money on amenities such as new parks and stadium expansions, but that those additions distract from academics, not support them.

Our generation is losing sight of what college should be. According to a Pew Research Study on the Millennial generation, we are the only ones to not cite "work ethic" as one of our claims at distinctiveness. We are all about exerting minimal effort, but getting maximum benefits. In laymen's terms, we're lazy.

Colleges are only supporting that by dazzling us with lounges and dining halls full of ice cream and pizza. Schools should focus on enriching programs and keeping technology up to date with specific departments. They should boast that students attend not because of flat screen TVs in every dorm room, but because of producing highly competitive graduates in the work place. Colleges are losing the appeal as an institute of higher education, and substituting that as a place to "hang out" for four years.

Everyone has their own personal tastes when it comes to choosing colleges. But the NBER research should be a wake-up call. We need to have a reality check on things we want versus the things we need.

Schools should cater to students' wants, but not to the degree that it takes away from academic integrity. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves why we're in college. Can you remember your "aha" moment?

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DARTS & PATS

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A **"you-couldn't-have-been-more-helpful"** pat to the woman at the Career and Academic Planning Resource Center who reviewed my résumé and cover letter.

From a sincerely grateful senior who will tell you first if she gets hired.

A **"you-rock"** pat to the cashier at Market One who let me add milk to my previous meal punch.

From a senior who realized he didn't have any milk at his apartment an hour after his meal.

A **"get-a-room"** dart to the

star-crossed lovers making out at the Carrier computer desks.

From a woman who thinks you should save it for Valentine's Day.

A **"speak-for-yourself"** dart to the woman I overheard saying all women can't drive.

From a fabulous female driver with the record to prove it.

A **"make-it-work"** pat to all of the ladies working at the Burger Studio.

From a student who appreciates your positive attitude despite the tech issues we had last week.

An **"I-saw-that"** dart to the group who walked into E-Hall 10 minutes after they closed on Saturday night without paying.

From a sophomore who thinks you need a refresher course on the JMU way.

A **"loving-all-of-these-bus-driver-pats"** pat to the students that have taken the time to recognize the good they do.

From a woman who thinks it's amazing that the bus drivers take the time to do charity and help students on top of their jobs.

A **"don't-do-it"** dart to myself and anyone else who's tempted to sign up for online dating just because Valentine's Day is coming up.

From a woman who has been-there-done-that and knows it isn't worth it.

A **"don't-drink-and-drive"** dart to the man who tried to drive the drunk bus out of Godwin on Saturday night.

From three women who know that you don't even go here.

A **"yahoo-soda-just-drink-it"** dart to the girls in the Clubhouse who corrected our use of the word "Yahoo" when discussing "Yoo-Hoos."

From a Duke who enjoys his "Hey Arnold" references.

A **"karma-will-get-you"** dart to the woman who broke my phone at Dona Rosa's.

From an angry woman who didn't need a broken phone on top of everything else.

A **"you're-an-inspiration"** pat to the woman walking around the

UREC track.

From a fellow walker who knows no matter how slow you go you're doing laps around everyone on the couch.

An **"I-feel-like-I'm-living-in-Jumanji!"** dart to the mice in my house.

From a fed-up senior who's already dealt with bats and fleas.

A **"semi-charmed-life"** pat to Pandora's Summer Hits of the '90s station.

From a nostalgic senior who might not have gotten through the year without it.

A **"how-dare-you"** dart to the man in my GSCI class who stole my seat.

From a woman who thought everyone was clear on the unspoken seating arrangement.

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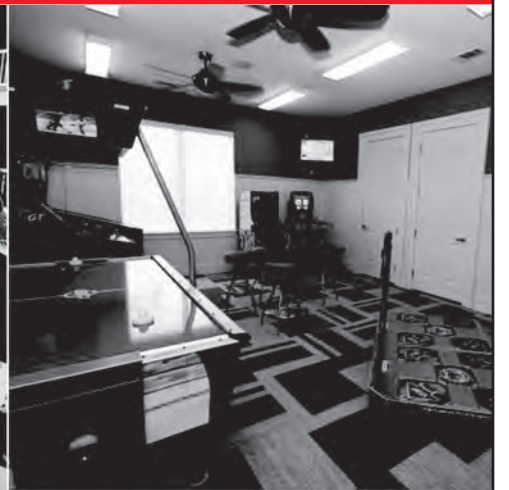
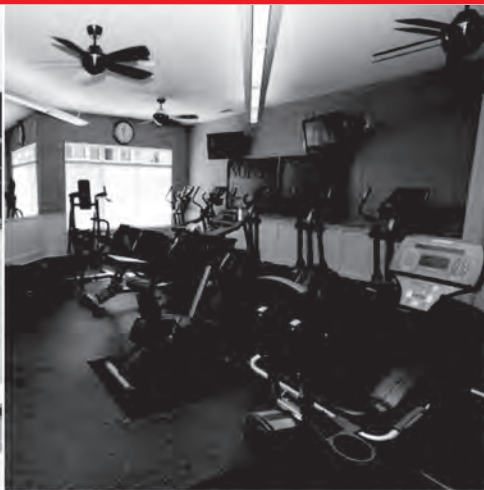
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John Veitch, piano technician, tunes the Hamburg Steinway concert grand in the Forbes Center Concert Hall every other day. He spends anywhere from 20 minutes to two hours tuning each piano.

John Veitch spends his days single-handedly tuning JMU's 136 Steinway pianos – almost 12,000 keys in total

By **RACHEL DAWSON**
contributing writer

John Veitch, 53, speaks of pianos as wounded patients.

"Most of it is triage — trying to take care of pianos that are hurting, that are really badly out of tune," Veitch said. "You've only got so much time to spend on them."

Veitch is the only part-time piano technician at JMU, but perhaps "piano doctor" would be a more suitable title. The job changes in terms of time commitment, as it is a yearly contracted position. This fall he added the Alger family's piano to his list of

Key figures

- There are 136 Steinway pianos on campus.
- Eight are concert grands that average \$100,000 per piece.
- The Hamburg Steinway concert grand in the Concert Hall is worth about \$180,000.
- Fluctuations in temperature and humidity levels cause wood to swell, altering the pitch of the piano.

"patients."

Veitch spent a lot of time on campus this summer working on the pianos, repairing and tuning them to his high standards. He's most productive when everyone is on break, as scheduling and timing are the biggest challenges. He ideally likes to have two hours per piano but at times is forced to get it done in 20 minutes.

Veitch has to work around the busy schedules of professors, piano faculty and students alike.

JMU is distinctly known as an all-Steinway school. It has 136 Steinway pianos on campus, eight of which are concert grands.

Concert grands average about \$100,000 per instrument and the Hamburg Steinway concert grand in the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts is worth about \$180,000. The smaller grands found in practice rooms and faculty offices range from \$60,000-\$70,000, according to piano professor Eric Ruple.

"They're considered the world's finest pianos, especially in this country," said Veitch, who's worked at JMU for seven years. "In most of all the recital halls in the world, you're going to find that about 95

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SALLIE DRUMHELLER | hell on heels

Go ahead: Drink the Valentine's Day Kool-Aid

Single or taken, Feb. 14 has its perks

Love is in the air. Take a whiff. Smell that? It smells like candy hearts and \$10 bills.

No, this isn't another article bemoaning the reality that Valentine's Day is a nationwide marketing scheme. In fact, it's quite the opposite. This is about

doing Valentine's Day the right way.

In regards to the day of love, there are only two types of people, and I have something to say to both groups.

The first is people who are single. You can find them complaining about being single and making plans to watch all eight. Nicholas Sparks movies on the big day. First of all, these people need to stop making angst-filled comments about "Single's Awareness Day." That is not a real holiday, and not to mention nothing screams "clinger alert" more than a girl who consistently makes desperate jokes about how single she is.

The other thing I'd like this group to consider is the silver lining of their situation, which is that they don't have to buy someone a gift. They don't have to agonize over the meaning of pink versus red roses and can instead fill their brains with useful information, like how many boxes of chocolate they can eat by themselves. By the same token, they won't be set up for disappointment when their partner inevitably gives them something lame.

The second group is the betrothed/dating/talking (whatever we're calling it these days). These people are in the opposite boat, stressing more over chocolates than their tests and reading

Hallmark cards more carefully than any textbook.

Now, men, forget everything the media has told you. The way to a woman's heart is absolutely through food.

Women only want stuffed animals and chocolate.

If your girlfriend says otherwise, then I'll gladly take that six-foot teddy bear you bought her off her hands.

Women, on the contrary, have a harder time. A Google search for "Valentine's Day gifts for guys" returns two items: cuff links and food. Seeing as the latter is less expensive (and I don't know any guy in college who wears cuff links), it looks like dinner it is.

If you're not a culinary genius, consider going out to eat. There are few things women love freaking out over more than what to wear on a date, and you better believe there are some

great date spots in Harrisonburg.

It depends on your price range, of course. The Local Chop & Grill House would be nice, but let's be honest: Golden

Corral has some great Valentine's Day specials and you'll even have cash left over to tip the waiter! But seriously, nothing says "I love

you" like Golden Corral's chocolate dipping fountain shared between you, your loved one and 200 other people.

I know Valentine's Day isn't everyone's favorite holiday, but I think we can agree that the day after — namely the sales — comes pretty close. No matter who you are, whether you spent the day alone or if your big date went terribly awry, there's consolation in eating 50 percent-off giant chocolate hearts. So thanks for that, Cupid, you creepy little flying baby, you!

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The Deems, a local jam quartet, perform Thursday at The Blue Nile. The band was started in 2010 but when three of the members left Harrisonburg, guitarist Mitchell Waranch recruited Andrew Hollifield (bass), John Armstrong (drums) and Tim Rekly (keyboards) to replace them. The band started as a feature on the JMU house party circuit and brings that intimacy to their downtown shows. The Deems are releasing their first album, “Limes and Forms,” this Friday. They will play a release party that night at 323 W. Market St. Search “The Deems” on Facebook for more information.

PIANO | Wood swells when humid

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percent of them have a Steinway.” But even elite pianos go out of tune, especially in the humid and inconsistent weather typical of Harrisonburg. Because pianos are made mostly out of wood, fluctuations in temperature and humidity levels cause soundboards to swell and alter the pitch of the piano. “It’s difficult the way a piano is constructed,” said Quentin Walston, a sophomore jazz studies major. “You have to have a lot of schooling to be able to tune and maintain a piano.” Veitch has tuned pianos in every way he knows how — from mechanical tuners to using his ear to using a tuning fork. The concert pianos in Forbes are tuned weekly, if not every other day. The

teaching room pianos are tuned a least a few times a year, and the practice room pianos are tuned when time allows. Some, Veitch noted, have seen more time than others, and many are in dire need of tuning. Tuners “have to be translators for the musicians’ requests,” said Ruple. “Most of us are not trained to be experts in the mechanics of the inner workings of a piano.” Veitch knew he wanted to be around pianos after graduating from Berklee College of Music with a music degree, but he didn’t immediately start doing so. “It’s hard making a living when you’re not a teacher or a really high-end performer,” he said. Veitch first worked in the restaurant industry, doing catering and fine dining work in Boston and New York. In 2001, he turned to tuning

pianos, beginning with his own. He started tuning the pianos of his neighbors and his church before moving to Washington, D.C., to work for a Steinway dealer before coming to JMU. “To find myself doing work I actually like doing, and to have more than I can keep up with, that’s pretty lucky,” Veitch said. It’s a profession that appears to be mostly black and white but is full of colorful rewards, he said. “When you play the piano and it becomes like a little orchestra, you forget that you’re playing and you start experiencing the sounds and the music and the melodies and harmonies,” Veitch said. “I’m not a poet, I’m not a very good writer — I just know it when I hear it.” **CONTACT** Rachel Dawson at dawsonra@dukes.jmu.edu.

MOVIE REVIEW

Hide your wallet from ‘Thief’

Cliché story, multiple plots, jumpy pacing make comedy a waste of money

By JENNY CLAIRE KNIGHT
The Breeze

Despite an enticing premise, ‘Identity Thief’ will only scam you out of your money and your afternoon. Diana (Melissa McCarthy ‘Bridesmaids’) is living the good life in Florida and racking up a high credit card bill at the expense of Sandy Patterson — the man whose identity she’s stolen. When the actual Sandy Patterson (Jason Bateman ‘Horrible Bosses’) in Denver discovers this, he comes up with a plan: to track Diana down, get her to confess about what she’s done and get his life back to normal.

Identity Thief
★★★★☆
‘R’ 112min
Starring Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy, T.I.

Finding Diana is simple enough, but getting her across the country is nothing like he expected. “Identity Thief” seems like it should be hilarious because of the starring cast and director Seth Gordon (“Horrible Bosses”) helming the camera, but it just isn’t that funny. When you have Bateman and McCarthy signed on to do your script, there’s a certain level of comedic expectation, but Craig Mazin’s (“The Hangover: Part II”) script is only chuckle-worthy at best. If the director allowed the actors to improvise, it would’ve made this film at least tolerable.

The duo’s journey trudges along with no direction and with a predictable plot. There are no pauses to appreciate the few comedic moments that exist, and the whole story is disorganized. One moment you’re expected to sympathize with Diana and her backstory, then five minutes later, to laugh while McCarthy kicks out the rear window of a police cruiser. It’s the same case with the film’s locations. For one scene they’re stranded in the woods and the next scene is at a bus station in the middle of nowhere. The film is focused on what crazy place or situation they can put the actors in next instead of the actual storyline. Apparently the storyline between Sandy and Diana wasn’t enough for Mazin, and he decided to add an unnecessary side plot. It’s not enough that Sandy wants to track down Diana; there has to be three other criminals thrown in who want her dead. Robert Patrick (“Gangster Squad”) makes an appearance as a bounty hunter while rapper T. I. and Gensis Rodriguez (“The Last Stand”) are a pair of gangsters. They’re supposed to add tension but end up being pointless characters. The film could do without the trio, and it would’ve thankfully taken off 15 minutes of the film had they been written out. The film’s cliché of trying to show the criminal as a good person with a backstory adds up to an ending you can predict halfway through the film. It’s disappointing, unrealistic and too sweet.

While no one will remember this movie, it does prove that McCarthy can handle a leading comedic film role. McCarthy works with what she has at times, and her commitment to the physical comedy is admirable. When the film takes a serious turn, McCarthy keeps up. During those moments she shows her strength as a dramatic actor and manages to make those scenes feel real instead of cheesy. She’s just too talented for this movie. Bateman continues to play the same type of character seen in “Horrible Bosses” and “The Switch.” He’s the responsible family man and the witty straight man that all of McCarthy’s crazy comedy bounces off of. There’s nothing wrong with that type of character — he’s very good at portraying it — but you wonder when he will try something different. McCarthy easily outshines him, and he rightly lets her take center stage. The two have decent chemistry, and you hope to see the duo team up again with a better movie. The idea of confronting the person who’s stolen your identity is promising, but the poorly written script shreds what potential the film had. Instead of being a potential star vehicle for McCarthy and another hit for Bateman, “Identity Thief” will be a film they hope they weren’t associated with in the future.

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Dukes out-Donne

Delaware and All-American forward Elena Delle Donne deal JMU first loss since Jan. 10



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LEFT Delaware junior forward and two-time All-American Elena Delle Donne guards sophomore forward Toia Giggetts near the basket. **TOP** Junior guard Kirby Burkholder drives past Delaware guard Kayla Miller. Burkholder outduels Delle Donne to finish with a game-high 24 points. **BOTTOM** Senior guard Tarik Hislop takes a long jump shot from the corner. Hislop, who leads the team in scoring, shot 8 of 20 from the field and finished with 17 points.

By **EVAN NICELY**
The Breeze

The JMU women's basketball rode an eight-game win streak into yesterday's game against No. 20 Delaware but didn't have enough firepower for the Blue Hens. Superstar Elena Delle Donne dealt the Dukes a heartbreaking 71-64 defeat.

The Dukes, who battled back and forth with the Blue Hens the entire game, were only down 55-53 with 11:29 remaining but couldn't take advantage of four scoreless minutes for both teams, the apex of which was a wide-open missed layup by freshman guard Precious Hall.

"There's chances where we could've tied or taken the lead and there were things you don't see very often," said head coach Kenny Brooks. "I've never seen Precious miss a wide-open layup. So many different things happen, but that's basketball."

Delle Donne, a first-team all-Colonial Athletic Association selection and two-time

All-American forward for the Blue Hens, scored a (relatively) quiet 20 points and had 10 rebounds in a quiet game that saw her overtake former JMU standout Dawn Evans as the CAA's all-time leading scorer.

"They have the second-best player in the country; if you have the second best player in the country you have a chance to win," Brooks said. "I thought we made her work for just about everything."

Freshman forward Jazmon Gwathmey limited Delle Donne to six points in the first half but Gwathmey picked up her fourth foul midway through the second. With Gwathmey in foul trouble, Delle Donne's offensive prowess helped the Blue Hens fight off numerous JMU rallies.

"Jazmon did a really good job," Brooks said. "Our bench got shorter and we needed everybody. We had to play other kids [for] extensive minutes, and we lost a little bit of a flow."

For the Dukes, junior guard Kirby Burkholder had another massive game, scoring 23 points and adding 13 rebounds.

Late in the game, Burkholder was visibly shaken up because of a hand-injury after a hard fall, wiping tears out of her eyes during a break in the game. Shortly afterward, she missed two of three free throws when JMU was down 69-63 with 26 seconds remaining.

"Sometimes teams make mistakes and sometimes I get an open shot," Burkholder said. "A bunch of their players stepped up. We're going to continue with our philosophy and try to limit the mistakes we did make this game, and we can have that game just as easily as they did."

Senior guard Tarik Hislop also added 17 points but she was the only other JMU player to score in double figures in a game that exposed the Dukes' lack of an inside presence.

"We're relying so much on Kirby shooting the three and Tarik with mid-range jumpers," Brooks said.

Despite a perceived over-reliance on Delle Donne by Delaware, the team got 19 points from

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MEET THE PLAYER



Michelle Nguyen women's tennis

After not playing in the fall due to an injury, senior Michelle Nguyen has helped women's tennis start its spring season 2-0.

She has a great deal of positivity about this season for her and her doubles teammate, sophomore Taylor Pinchoff, and hopes to play in a few professional tournaments after she graduates with a degree in hospitality management in May.

By **MOLLY MCDEVITT**
contributing writer

How did you first get involved in tennis?

I think I got involved first with tennis when I would go to the park outside of our house and my dad just wanted to start playing. I was nine years old.

Was it hard balancing your schoolwork with tennis during your freshman year?

It was more of just adjusting to getting your schoolwork ready and having practice every day at a certain time. Then, you always had lifting afterwards and traveling on top of that. It wasn't a huge change, but it was definitely something I had to work on.

If you could pick one match out of your college career that was most memorable for you so far, what would it be?

That is really hard. I think the most memorable match we had was [the University of North Carolina-Wilmington]. We were tied at 3-all. I played really well, but we didn't come out victorious. It was definitely a big fight and it was the first time I had experienced so much pressure, since it was my freshman year. Our team was all together and it was the first time I had experienced anything like being on a team since tennis is an individual sport.

How has playing tennis in college benefited you as a person?

It has definitely taught me sportsmanship. Also [I learned about] being on a team, learning our team's different personalities and how we all come together to play tennis, about each other's differences and similarities. Academically, I learned how to be more disciplined because I had less time to study. So, if I procrastinate, I'm really in trouble.

Do you have any plans to continue playing after you graduate this May?

I thought about playing a little bit. Probably just doing doubles afterwards with another friend of mine from [Eastern Carolina University]. We were going to try to play some professional tournaments.

What are your hopes for the rest of your season?

I hope that [my doubles partner] Taylor and I can go undefeated because we have the game this year. I definitely think we can win [the CAA tournament] this year. We're a lot stronger team and I think we can do it this year.

CHEER | Someone needs stitches every game season

from front

must be full-time students or have full-time jobs — the cheerleading is part time.

Prospective and returning team members go through a four-or-five round tryout process each year, which is especially competitive for the women. Some 300 women may come out each year to try out. Male and female prospects must be in great shape, be able to present themselves well and have dancing and stunting ability.

"They just can't show up and expect to be on the team even though you've been cheering for many years," Traczyk said. "You may not meet what the coaches and what the judges are looking for."

Cheerleaders and stunt team members practice together on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the season. Practices consist of a three-mile run to warm-up before working on various cheer moves like pyramids and basket tosses — plus each game's special end zone performance for two hours or more. There is an inevitable risk factor that comes with stunting.

"We don't ever go a season without someone leaving practice needing stitches," Courtney said.

Team members also workout on



COURTESY OF CHRIS TRACZYK

From left: JMU graduates Sean Sommers, Courtney D., Chris Traczyk and Paul Vutiprichar gear up before Super Bowl XLVII. The Ravens have the only co-ed cheer squad in the NFL.

days when the team doesn't meet to make sure that they keep up the physique that the job demands.

"I know, for Courtney, Chris and myself, we're putting in time outside just to keep in shape," Vutiprichar said. "It's a physical, demanding task and job that we have."

The time commitment of cheerleading sometimes demands extra effort in the members' jobs or schoolwork.

"If I know practices are on Tuesdays/Thursdays, that means I'm coming in early [to work] and staying late on Monday, Wednesdays and

Fridays," Vutiprichar said.

With all of the work put in throughout the season, the squad did get to celebrate after the game, if only for a limited time before being bused back to Baltimore. The team was ushered off the field not long after the game and members changed into suits and dresses in the locker room before going to a private Ravens party.

The party featured players, celebrities, live music and an array of food. The cheerleaders and stunt team members saw Mary J. Blige perform and Jay-Z and Beyoncé watching near the stage.

"I wish the night would've never ended, it was just a great experience," Traczyk said. "We actually had a [3 a.m.] curfew that night where we had to get back on the bus and actually head back to Baltimore, so we couldn't stay out too late."

In the coming months, Traczyk is hoping that the squad will get invited along with the players to visit the White House and meet President Barack Obama.

That may be the ideal way to top off a once-in-a-lifetime season.

"I'm still on cloud nine and it's already been a week since the game happened," Traczyk said.

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CYNTHIA CARSON / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman guard Precious Hall struggled in Sunday's loss. She was one of nine from the floor and tallied five points and three assists.

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redshirt senior guard Lauren Carra and 12 points from senior guard Lucas Trumae off the bench as the Dukes left those players open in order to focus on Delle Donne.

"Of course Delle Donne was first, but they also have really good role players," Hislop said. JMU, which was coming off a decisive 74-43 victory over UNC-Wilmington on Thursday night, lost a chance to snap Delaware's 30-game regular season winning streak. More importantly, it also missed a chance to take over first place in the CAA standings.

"Obviously we're disappointed. I think our program is at a level where we expect to win," Brooks said. "It seemed like we had a lot of balls that

bounced around and fell off. It was a battle of two very good basketball teams and it was unfortunate that one had to lose."

The Dukes (15-8, 9-2 CAA) are tied for second place with Drexel in the conference and have a quick turnaround for a Tuesday night contest at Old Dominion. The Dukes also have a game remaining in the regular season against both Delaware and Drexel.

"The biggest key we're going to have to have is having a hang-over," Brooks said. "These kids expect to win every game so they're disappointed right now. We're going to have to focus in and get them to understand we have a game in 48 hours."

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No. 25 Irish need five overtimes
to overcome No. 11 Louisville



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

Jerian Grant, shown during a Nov. 29 game against Kentucky, led Notre Dame with 19 points in its 104-101 win over Louisville Saturday.

By BRIAN HAMILTON
Chicago Tribune

Everyone had seen it all with Notre Dame and Louisville, programs inescapably interlocked in madness seemingly every time they took the same floor. And then came a Saturday night perhaps like no one had ever witnessed, yet another dizzying redefinition of basketball insanity by these two teams.

With shot after breathtaking shot and contributions from stars to bit players to characters long forgotten, the Irish and the Cardinals battled into a fifth overtime, with the Irish surviving with a 104-101 victory that was merely the latest version of the two programs extending one another to preposterous lengths, in every sense.

To wit: Notre Dame sought some validation Saturday against the 11th-ranked team in the country, and that search would end, one way or another, on Sunday.

Louisville was up eight against a Notre Dame team seemingly incapable of

anything resembling half-court offense and certainly nothing close to a made shot. The Irish, up three at halftime, watched that link sink away by going 10-plus minutes without a single field goal in the second half, missing 16 of their first 19 attempts from the floor.

The Cardinals were comfortable. Many who had packed Purcell Pavilion to the upper rim headed for the exits.

And then Jerian Grant hit a 3-pointer from the wing with 45 seconds left in regulation, his first basket of an until-then forgettable night.

And then he hit another. And then another. And then came two missed Louisville free throws, and then came Grant barreling to the basket for a bucket and a foul, a three-point play that rattled the roof tiles.

It was suddenly, impossibly 60-60 with 16 seconds left, and after Grant tied up Louisville's last possession with his quick hands, it was off to the seventh overtime game in the last 11 meetings between the teams.

Grant had the crowd at full froth again in the extra period, finding Zach Auguste for a monster jam and a 66-66 tie. But the air left the place a half-minute later when Grant committed a silly fifth foul with Louisville in transition and the Irish needing him for the final 1:57 of overtime.

But both teams would come up empty with chances to win in the first extra session. Notre Dame with the shot clock violation with 11.7 ticks left, and then Louisville when Russ Smith settled for the out-of-this-ZIP-code 3-pointer at the buzzer that rimmed out. Off to overtime No. 2, tied 68-68.

The Irish started that period with a motley crew lineup featuring the suddenly out-of-favor Garrick Sherman and freshmen Zach Auguste and Cam Biedscheid, entirely out of necessity with Grant and

Jack Cooley previously disqualified. And, of course, it figured that Sherman would open the scoring with a tip-in.

Louisville's Kevin Ware tipped the momentum with a 3-pointer for a 73-72 lead with 1:57 left in double overtime. The teams traded misses, though, and Notre Dame took a timeout with 34.7 seconds left — and four on the shot clock — when its half-court offense fizzled. Auguste missed a hook shot, and Smith hit two free throws on the other end for the 75-72 lead.

And then Biedscheid, of course, hit a 3-pointer from the wing with 15 seconds to play to tie it at 75-all. And then Louisville missed two more shots at the other end, and the teams were off to a third overtime.

Things seemed to get away from even-steven in that session with an Atkins turnover that led to a Chane Behanan finish with 1:04 left for an 82-81 Louisville lead. But Sherman would execute a nifty up-and-under move to make it 83-82 Irish with 24.8 seconds left, and then Behanan would hit one free throw at the other end to knot it at 83.

Atkins barreled down the lane without a call, resulting in a jump ball situation that went to Louisville with 3.7 seconds left. But a runner by Smith banked out, and a fourth overtime it was.

A Gorgui Dieng jumper was followed by two missed Atkins free throws, which was followed by two Smith free throws for a 91-87 Louisville lead with 1:32 left in the fourth extra session — and what appeared to be a healthy amount of breathing room on a suffocating night.

Behanan answered two Biedscheid free throws with a jumper to make it 93-89 with 56.8 seconds left. Sherman followed an Atkins miss with 34.2 seconds left and then, inexplicably, Smith took it all the way to the hole with the shot clock

off on Louisville's next possession. He got no call, and he missed the attempt at the rim, with the Irish taking over.

After a timeout with 19.1 seconds left, Notre Dame's offense was predictably frenetic again, until an Auguste shot went to the rim. Then the rebound pinged between Irish and Cardinals players, finally bouncing off the fingertips of Sherman and in to tie it at 93-93 and lead to a fifth overtime — a record for the longest game in Notre Dame history.

Two Behanan buckets opened a three-point Louisville lead early in overtime, but Auguste and Sherman erased that with back-to-back scores for a 98-97 lead with 2:36 left in the fifth extra frame. Louisville would tie it at 100, but Atkins followed with a score and then the Cardinals turned it over, making it a two-point Irish lead with 1:04 left.

Out of a timeout with 41.5 seconds left, Atkins drew a foul but missed both free throws. At the other end, Louisville freshman Montrezzi Harrell was fouled off his own missed jump shot — and missed both free throws, air-balling the second attempt with 24 seconds to play.

Atkins then stepped to the line with 19.3 seconds left after a foul on the inbound, hitting the first but missing the second. Smith then drove the lane for Louisville with 12.6 seconds left, missing the attempt and then missing the second of two free throws to make it 103-101 with 9.8 seconds to go.

Connaughton stepped to the line after getting whacked and hit one of two free throws for the 104-101 lead. Smith missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and every warm body in Purcell Pavilion stormed the court. At the end, Connaughton and Atkins walked off, arm-in-arm, holding each other up all the way to the locker room.

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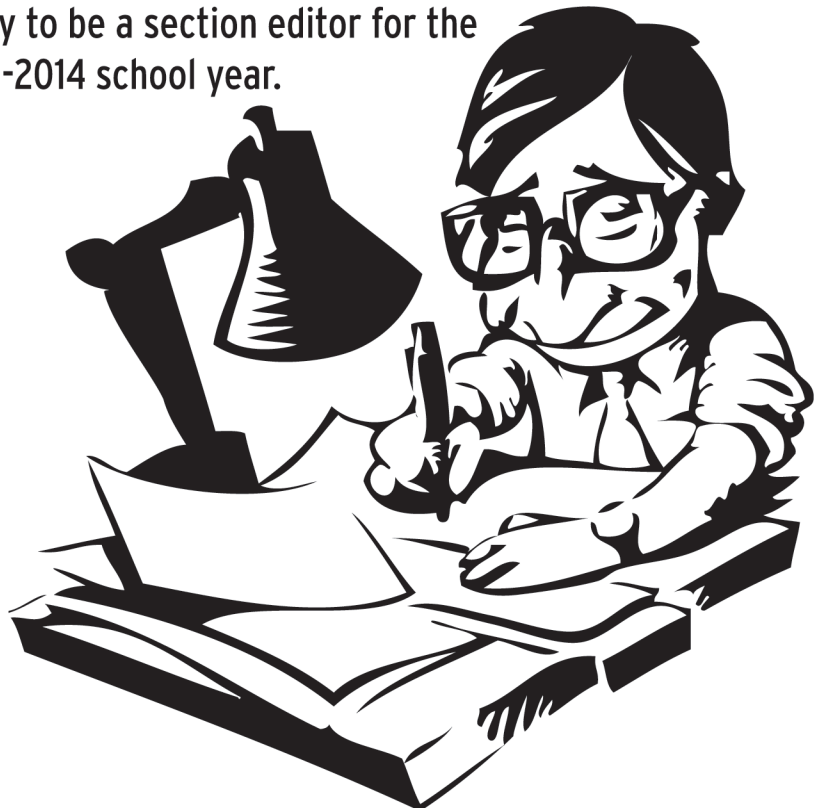
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